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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE SCHEDULE—FINAL EVENTS ACADEMIC YEAR 1954-55

- 7 May -
20 May** During this period, forty-eight Junior Reserve Officers of the ranks of Lieutenant Commander and Major studied a specialized course on "Combat Staff Techniques and Operational Planning." The course included not only a study of military planning processes for solutions of staff problems but also the examination of currently important aspects of present and future naval operations.
- 28 May -
10 June** During this time, ninety-seven Senior Reserve Officers of the ranks of Commander through Rear Admiral resided at the Naval War College in order to examine current organization and procedures for National Security and to familiarize themselves with latest concepts of, and developments in, Naval Warfare. Both the Junior and Senior Reserve Officers were specially selected by the various Naval District Commandants, President of the Naval War College, Commandant of the Marine Corps and Commandant of the Coast Guard.
- 6 June -
10 June** This was the period allotted to the yearly Global Strategy Discussions and 1955 was the seventh of these gatherings.

Global Strategy Discussions are held "to promote an understanding of the problems confronting the United States in formulating a global strategy to attain our national objectives." This requires a critical look at the world situation, a

derivation of national objectives an examination of the major factors affecting global strategy and a consideration of the many courses of action which might contribute to the attainment of national objectives.

No attempt is made to arrive at any one overall solution since changing daily circumstances and the enormous size of the problem make that impossible. The desired end is to enable participants to exchange viewpoints and to develop their own conclusions.

In order to obtain the civilian viewpoint, prominent men from all walks of life are invited to participate. These men, together with the Senior Reserve Officers, furnish ideas from the civilian vantage point while military points of view are expressed by Naval War College staff and student officers.

This year there were twenty-eight military-civilian discussions groups, each having a moderator from the Naval War College staff or the student body.

Civilian participants numbered one hundred and twenty-five, which was the largest civilian representation ever assembled.

Lectures during the period included a welcoming address and "Summary of the Current World Situation" by Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, U.S.N., a lecture on "The Principles of Sea Power" by Admiral R. B. Carney, U.S.N., a lecture on "Political Factors in National Stra-

tegy” by Dr. H. M. Wriston, and, finally, a lecture on “The Cold War” by General W. J. Donovan, U.S.A. (Ret.).

Hotel and BOQ facilities were taxed to the maximum,, but PHIBLANT flagship POCONO plus the carrier ANTIETAM were moored close to the College to assist in providing additional living spaces.

During this same period the Atlantic Fleet Type Commanders Annual Spring Conference was held aboard the ANTIETAM. This enabled approximately eighteen senior Atlantic Fleet Type Commanders and twenty-five of their staff officers to share in parts of the Global Strategy schedule. The Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, attended certain of the scheduled events before and after his Type Commanders Conference.

15 June -

Graduation exercises were held and a total of two hundred and fifty-two students received certificates of completion of various War College Courses. The Honorable Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, delivered the key address, entitled “The Spirit of the Offensive.” Also present were Admiral H. E. Yarnell, U.S.N. (Ret.) and Captain W. D. Puleston, U.S.N. (Ret.), who were celebrating the fortieth anniversary of their graduation from the Naval War College. Rear Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, U.S.N., prospective Chief of Naval Operations, also attended in connection with his coming assignment and was pledged the best wishes of those present by Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, U.S.N., President of the Naval War College.